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LOAD CONTROL DEVICE

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith in the above-entitled patent application, please find an Amendment in response to the Official Action of August 30, 2006, together with a Petition for an extension of time of one month.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this paper and any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 08-1265.

Yours very truly,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "C. G. Mersereau".

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